

In any house of ill-fame shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$10, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty days, and authorizing any peace officer or agent of the Nebraska Humane society or any charitable society to enter any house of ill-fame to search for such children and institute habeas corpus proceedings to remove them from such places.

**By Detention.**—Leaving girls' reform school at Geneva, Illinois county, and providing rules and regulations governing the same. The bills are numbered \$1,000 for their purpose, and provide that all the officers and employees except the superintendent, bookkeeper and engineers shall be women.

**By Governor.**—Providing that any person who shall keep, own or operate any "pool room" or engage in the business of "pool rooming" shall pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and be confined in the penitentiary not less than one, nor more than five years.

A bill by Stevens of Platte, providing that those who make trespass on the irrigating lands of another by mistake in the survey may remove or obtain compensation for the same, was defeated—30 yeas to 40 nays.

A report from the school fund, giving the present condition of the school fund, was read; also a communication from the irrigation convention asking that the bounty on sugar be retained.

The bill introduced by McKeon for providing for district purchase and ownership of the school land was ordered to the calendar for tomorrow at 10 o'clock, to which hour the house adjourned.

**Legislative Notes.**—Twenty-five bills comprised the regular list this morning in the house.

The joint resolution presented by McKeon instructing the Nebraska Humane society to prepare a bill providing for the taking possession by the government of all interstate railways, was introduced "by request."

The bill of J. A. Smith, of Lincoln, for the amendment of the act relating to the members of the house committee on finance, ways and means who are striving to keep off all unnecessary expenses and to get a tight grip on the purse strings of the state.

H. M. Bullack, county organizer of the farmers' alliance for Sheridan county, was at the capital today, as visitors from all parts of the state, electing a new legislature. The state officers are coming in, and are considerably disappointed to learn that the constitution is off.

The committee on finance, ways and means has decreed that the salaries must come down. They have cut the salaries of clerks in the various state offices from \$1,200 to \$1,000, and of the clerks from the same figure down to \$750. The men grumble and bear the proposed reduction, but they are affected with some heavy lobbying to save their salaries.

**Western People in Chicago.**—Chicago, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Among the western people in Chicago today were the following:

At the McCoy—P. P. Connors, Omaha; J. F. Haynes, Lincoln.

Brevort—A. Smith, Omaha.

Briggs—Miss Halsey and Mrs. Lucas, F. S. Smith, M. S. Woodward, Omaha.

At the Auditorium—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birt, Salt Lake, Utah.

At the Leland—Edward Howe, Council Bluffs, La. Wellington—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joslyn, Omaha.

At the Palmer—H. J. Penford and J. H. Millard, Omaha.

At the Grand Palace—E. C. Finkelman, Des Moines, Ia.

At the Sherman—E. O. Hockenberger, Grand Island, Neb.; Arthur Johnson, Omaha; Thomas Bacon, Ogden, Utah.

At the Fremont—P. Pavasin, Omaha; Robert Smith, Omaha.

Fred W. Gray of Omaha is a guest of his brother, H. A. Gray, of the Illinois steel works. Mr. Gray leaves for Washington on Sunday for a call for Harry from New York on the 25th. He expects to visit southern Italy for about three months and will spend the winter in the north coast of Africa, going in about three months to Africa, where he has relatives. He expects to return to Omaha in June.

**STREETER DECLARES HIMSELF.**—He Tells What He Will Do if Elected United States Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 19.—At a conference of the members of the legislature this morning, A. J. Streeter, one of the candidates for United States senator, outlined his political views, and said: "If I am elected United States Senator I pledge you I will be an independent and will never enter a caucus, either of the republicans or democrats. But on issues of the farm and the great agricultural party of this state, I will, of course, vote with the majority given up by the republicans, vote with them where I conscientiously can."

These views of Streeter seemed to be satisfactory to the farmers, who decided to support him. When the first ballot was taken in joint assembly it resulted: Palmer, 101; Streeter, 88; Ogelsby, 14; Post, 1.

A number of the farmers, each succeeding one showing a slight gain for Streeter. Before adjourning the 19th ballot was taken, resulting: Palmer, 101; Streeter, 96; Ogelsby, 8.

Both houses met in separate session, but adjourned without transacting any important business.

**CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.**—League Magnates Promise to Have no Fear of the American.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—"It isn't a war," said President Spaulding today, referring to the withdrawal of the American association from the national agreement. "It is a ghost dance. In the only one league city will influence the association be felt. That will be in Cincinnati. In Philadelphia the conditions will remain as they have always been in the past. Of the two clubs people will patronize the better one. That one this season will be Mr. French's league. In Boston the Americans can't hope to hold their own. In the National league, Boston is not an American city. In Cincinnati alone will the smallest ripple be felt."

Said another member of the league: "The association is evidently counting on passivity league quarters. In this it is wrong. The league may not lose it for a time, but in the end its extermination will become necessary and the league will do the work, just as it did in the case of the Union and of the Brotherhood."

**LABOR AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.**—The Unions Preparing for a Hard and Final Fight.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A squad of carpenters resumed work on the world's fair buildings in Jackson park this morning and were not molested. Men will be put to work grading next Monday. The contractors propose to employ only American citizens and this, it is believed, will avert any further trouble.

The labor unions, it is reported, are not, however, entirely satisfied with the new prohibitory labor law. They want a definite statement that union labor will be employed in connection with the fair. To this the committee from the various unions will labor with the directory at the next meeting.

A local paper has been circulating a story that the union is planning to abandon the idea of placing any part of the exhibition on the lake front. The difficulties in the way were said to be the fact that the union would be instrumental in the brief time that remains for preliminary arrangements.

The statement has not yet been officially confirmed.

**Of Interest to Sluggers.**—Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—The boxing prize-fighting in Texas a penitentiary offense passed the house. The term of imprisonment provided for ranges from two to five years. This measure is a substitute for the senate bill.

**Mother and Children Buried.**—Montevideo, Wis., Feb. 19.—The house of a farmer named Johnson here, was burned in the absence of Johnson, and his wife and two children perished.

## APOLLO CLUB CONCERT.

**A Delightful Programme Very Acceptably Rendered.**

An audience, representative in character, filled every available seat last evening at the Grand, and gave substantial encouragement to the Apollo club, now in its fourth season.

For several years it has been a struggle for existence with the Apollonians, but new life has been infused into the organization and a half dozen more concerts, like the one of last evening will place the cause of music upon a very high plane in this, the metropolis of the northwest. While there were many imperfections in the rendition of the programme, noticeable to professional and layman alike, still no more ambitious effort has been given in Omaha.

The audience, although critical, was very friendly, and the numbers rendered enthusiastic recognition as the beauties of the compositions were brought out. Throughout, an intelligent conception of the requirements was pleasantly noticeable, although very often the participants failed to give forth what they undoubtedly felt. The stage, in fact, was a model of simplicity, and the half a dozen pieces of music, the highest almost touching the top of the flat, with gas jets prettily arranged around the interior, created an appearance resembling that of an eastern musical festival.

The Apollo club opened the programme with George P. Cobb's "If Doughty Deeds," a fine vocal solo, in which the singer showed to exceptional advantage, the tenors displaying a nervousness which marred in a slight degree its otherwise perfect rendition.

Mr. Whitney, who sang "The Song of the Sea," was a most successful soloist, the possession of that much abused term, the possessor of an exceedingly sweet and dramatic voice. Mr. Whitney's "The Song of the Sea," a duet composition by Breckett, Mr. Whitney, and without a saving clause he is the best oratorio and concert singer he has in the city.

Mrs. J. W. Cotton followed by the rendition of Rossini's "Una Voce Poco Fa," a composition requiring a voice particularly developed in the upper register. The singer was in good form and grasping the dramatic possibilities of the aria made a pronounced success. The orchestra, in executing the staccato movements of the "Una Voce Poco Fa," as an encore she sang "The Song of the Sea," a touching little ballad.

Mr. B. J. Young, who sang "The Song of the Sea," was a most successful soloist, the possession of that much abused term, the possessor of an exceedingly sweet and dramatic voice. Mr. Whitney's "The Song of the Sea," a duet composition by Breckett, Mr. Whitney, and without a saving clause he is the best oratorio and concert singer he has in the city.

The orchestra played wretchedly and at no time did the performance of the orchestra have them in hand. The end of each Mr. Torres seemed to grow more fearful as the result of the succeeding bar, and the orchestra was completely out of communication with principals and chorus.

Then in his anxiety to pull the band into form he started to pull his foot as an adjunct to his voice, and in the process of his member jarring very unpleasantly upon everybody in the house.

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## WANTS AN INVESTIGATION.

**Charges of the Alton Against the South-eastern Flatly Denied by the Latter.**

**EACH ACCUSES THE OTHER OF CUTTING.**

**Strong Statements From Both Lines Concerning the Affairs—Committees on Eastern Ticket Sales—Coming to Omaha.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The unexpected has happened in the emporium Chicago-St. Louis passenger line. The Jacksonville and Southern line, which they first proposed the \$7 round trip rate, and that their first intimation of such a rate was when they saw it quoted by the Alton. General Superintendent Ryder of the Jacksonville and Southern line has offered a \$5 rate, and affirms that even now the Southeastern is not meeting the Alton rate, but is making it from East St. Louis only.

Vice President Springer of the Alton also affirms the above and adds that the Alton on its own showing had only the word of a prospective passenger that the Southeastern had offered the rate before it posted the \$7 rate.

The Alton on the contrary affirms that its St. Louis agent had positive knowledge of the \$7 rate having been offered by the Southeastern. The agent, however, fought out in the Western Passenger association, the Southeastern has demanded an investigation.

**Alaska's Reindeer.**—WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Senator Davis today presented a proposed amendment (For Senator Farwell) to the sundry civil bill, appropriating \$100,000 to be used in distributing reindeer in Alaska for the use of the natives.

**Des Moines Man Disappears.**—Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Charles Butcher, a pioneer Des Moines settler, has mysteriously disappeared. His wife and son, George, are greatly disturbed over the mystery, and fear that he has been foully dealt with or has in a temporary fit of insanity taken his own life.

He left home Tuesday afternoon, taking with him a small trunk and a bag, and was not seen since. He was last seen at the electric power house at 2 o'clock. An hour later he was seen at the electric power house, where he was seen to enter a building and was not seen since.

**Budd's Remarkable Shooting.**—Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The annual tournament of the Forester gun club closed here today. It was attended by many of the crack shots of the state, and would have lasted one day longer had not the weather proven unfavorable. The principal feature was the work of Budd, who won first money by a score of fourteen out of the fifteen regular events. He made straight targets in 13 contests, and shot 100 out of 100 in the regular events, and with only eight misses. His work is regarded as phenomenal, even by professional marksmen.

**Commissioners to Eastern Agents.**—CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The railway press bureau says: "Chicago passenger officials of eastern lines have no confidence in the stability of the agreement to boycott any outside lines paying commissions in their territory or any of their own lines paying any commissions whatever. It is positively known that the western roads now have agents in the territory, and are trying to get agents at least one eastern road has had agents out since the agreement was signed, assuring agents that the end would come in a month or two, and that they would not pay commissions, but when the agreement collapsed, payment for all business in the territory would be made. At least one eastern road has had agents out since the agreement was signed, assuring agents that the end would come in a month or two, and that they would not pay commissions, but when the agreement collapsed, payment for all business in the territory would be made. 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